

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Thursday, July 26, 2018

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Roberts, Commissioner Huebsch and Commissioner Zipperer.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, July 12, 2018.

3270-SB-138 - Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Amend its Current Credit Facilities Not to Exceed \$130 Million

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

5795-CW-103 - Application of the Village of Suamico, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Advanced Metering Infrastructure(AMI) including Meter Encoder and End Point Replacements in the Village of Suamico, Brown County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

4220-CG-143 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, as a Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities and to Provide Natural Gas Service in the Town of Tilden, Chippewa County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

6650-RD-2018 - Application of Wisconsin Gas LLC for Approval of 2018 Fall Reconnection Plan

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

9240-PL-2018 - Pipeline Safety enforcement for New Organic Digestion for Calendar year 2018.

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

1850-ER-105 - Application of the City of Elroy, Juneau County, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

4220-ER-100 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, for Authority to Adjust Electric Monitored Fuel Costs

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

6630-ER-103 - Wisconsin Electric Power Company 2019 Fuel Cost Plan

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

6690-ER-103 - Wisconsin Public Service Corporation 2019 Fuel Cost Plan

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

5835-WR-107 - Application of the Village of Sussex, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

6210-WR-102 - Application of the Village of Waterford, Racine County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

2040-WQ-100 - Simplified Rate Case for the Village of Footville, as a Water Public Utility, Rock County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the draft Order to reopen the docket and request comments and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

1-AC-252 - In the Matter of Proposed Revisions to ch. PSC 118, Renewable Resource Credit Tracking Program

The Commission approved opening a rulemaking docket, accepted a Statement of Scope for submission to the Governor's office and directed Commission staff to prepare and transmit the necessary documents to the Governor's office.

5-GF-228 - Wind Siting Council

The Commission appointed candidates to the Wind Siting Council for a term ending July 1, 2021.

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation to draft an order consistent with its decision.

5-FE-101 - Quadrennial Planning Process III

The Commission accepted the following changes proposed by the Program Administrator to the Renewable Energy Competitive Incentive Program (RECIP) for the Focus on Energy Program (Focus) quadrennial planning period of 2019-2022:

1. Consistently offer RECIP funding rounds three times per year: in January, May, and September;
2. Create a dual-tiered approach to future rounds of RECIP, with two levels of funding allocation: one for mid-sized projects and another for large projects. The application process will be identical for both tiers and the budget for each tier will be announced at the time the RFP is issued. Funding allocation for mid-sized project tier is expected to be 30-40 percent of total RECIP award, a significant increase over the historical average of 20 percent, in an attempt to balance customer equity and Focus' cost-effectiveness directive; and
3. Reduce the application effort for all RECIP projects, whether mid-sized or large; removing much of the current narrative requirement and increasing emphasis on quantitative characteristics, including cost-effectiveness, capital budget available for the project, and percentage of project cost covered by the incentive.

The Commission established the programs to serve agricultural customers and other rural customers in the 2019-2022 quadrennium consisting of a combination of offerings and an estimated budget as follows:

Agriculture	\$3.1 Million
Industrial	\$3.0 Million
Res/Other Bus	\$1.9 Million
General Support and Engagement	\$500,000
Propane Offering (2019 Only)	\$300,000
Total Program Estimated Budget	\$8.8 million

The Commission directed the Division of Business and Program Management to draft an Order consistent with its discussion.

1-IC-2019 - Fiscal Year 2019 Intervenor Compensation Grants 1-IC-2019

The Commission approved, with conditions, the award of the Intervenor Grant in the full amount of \$300,000 to the Citizens Utility Board of Wisconsin (CUB) for fiscal year 2019. The Commission modified the conditions imposed in prior grant awards to include standard terms and conditions that are reasonably necessary for the management of the grant and that are substantially similar to the standards terms and conditions recently imposed on other grants awarded by the Commission. Further, the conditions shall specify that grant funds shall not be used for lobbying expenses or fees.

The Commission directed the Division of Business and Program Management to draft an Order consistent with its discussion.

137-CE-188 - Application of American Transmission Company LLC to Construct and Place in Operation a New 345/138 kV Substation in the Village of Mount Pleasant and 345 kV Transmission Lines to Interconnect with ATC's Existing 345 kV Transmission Network, and to Construct or Reconstruct Other Lines and Facilities in the Area, to be Located Primarily in Racine and Kenosha Counties, Wisconsin

The Commission discussed this matter, determined that it was in the public interest to approve the application of American Transmission Company LLC (ATC) to construct and operate the proposed new transmission lines and related facilities, and made the following additional determinations:

1. The proposed project will satisfy the reasonable needs of the public for an adequate supply of electric energy.
2. There are no Energy Priority Law alternatives that exist that are cost-effective, technically feasible, and environmentally sound alternatives to the proposed project.
3. The proposed project will not have a material adverse impact on competition in the relevant wholesale electric service market.

4. The proposed project will comply with Wis. Stat. § 196.491(3)(d)6. and will not unreasonably interfere with the orderly land use and development plans for the area involved.
5. The Proposed Route (ATC-Preferred Route), which consists of Segments 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, and 6, is the authorized route.
6. In addition to the standard general conditions imposed on similar projects, the following additional conditions shall apply:
 - a. ATC shall work with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Natural Heritage Conservation program to develop plans for plant surveys.
 - b. ATC shall communicate with landowners or renters of agricultural lands to discuss timing of construction schedules and agricultural activities to avoid damage to crop yields as possible, provided however, that landowners provide ATC with contact information for the renters.
 - c. ATC shall work with landowners, to the extent practicable, regarding the placement of facilities on their properties, including the location of off-ROW access roads.
 - d. ATC shall obtain all necessary federal, state, and local permits for a construction spread prior to commencement of beginning construction, as defined by Wis. Stat. § 196.491(1)(b). For the purposes of this order condition, construction spread means any subpart or segment of the proposed project established by the applicant for the purposes of managing construction of the project.
7. ATC's estimated costs of the proposed project, from \$117.20 million to \$120.31 million, are appropriate.
8. ATC's proposed basis for determining the annual fee and one-time environmental impact fee is acceptable.
9. The Commission has complied with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 1.11 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 4.
10. The Commission approved the proposed project with the conditions discussed above.

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The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steffany Powell Coker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steffany Powell Coker
Secretary to the Commission

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